

08.05.18 - Outside - Tim Knipp

Leader Prep Section

- During the summer we will pare down to just a few simple questions to prompt good conversation in your group as you meet at the park, BBQ, etc.
- When possible spend time in prayer for each member of your group.

Goal: God uses our roles as cultivators and stewards to bless Creation, and as a blessing to ourselves as he speaks to us through that work.

1. What are some things that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?
2. Have you ever grown any kind of plant, vegetable, fruit, or flower? Did you learn anything from that experience? Did any part of the process remind you of one of Jesus' parables?
3. Why do you think Jesus uses so many farming illustrations in his teachings?
4. Which of Jesus' farming parables is most memorable to you?
5. **Read Genesis 1:24-29.**
6. How is being made in God's image related to God's command to rule over living things?
7. Why do you think God gave humans this authority? Is there any benefit to us?
8. How can we "rule" well? What is our responsibility?

Fun Idea: Take a stroll through one of Bellingham's many community gardens! See how many plants you can identify, and how many varieties are totally new to you.